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ZONE FOR IMPROVED PROCESS AND
PRODUCT FUNCTION

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement mailed 30 May 2003, Applicants respectfully elect the claims of Group I, drawn to a disposable absorbent garment with elastic side panels. Claims 1-45 are included in Group I.

Applicants further elect the species of Figures 1, 3, and 4, and the species of Figure 8. Claims 1-2, 6, 8-15, 17, 20-39, and 41-45 are readable on the elected species.

I hereby certify that this correspondence (along with any paper referred to as being attached or enclosed) is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as First Class Mail in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 on

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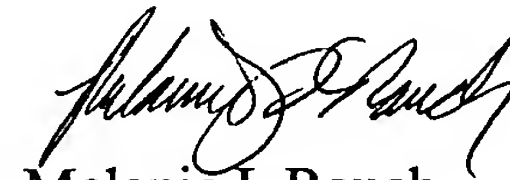

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This election is made without traverse. Applicants specifically reserve the right to seek patent protection for non-elected subject matter by divisional application. If the Examiner feels that any issues remain regarding this Restriction Requirement, then Applicants' undersigned attorney would like to discuss the case with the Examiner. The undersigned can be reached at (847) 490-1400.

Respectfully submitted,



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